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In re Application of:

Applicants : Norman John Alfred Hurst, and Michelle Sharon Barker
Serial No. : 09/622,706
Filed : August 21, 2000
For : DISSIPATION OF STATIC ELECTRICITY IN WORKWEAR
Examiner : Lynda Salvatore
Art Unit : 1771
Attorney Docket No. : 827.1.016

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 20, 2003, please amend the above-captioned Application as set forth below. Applicants note that no additional

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fee is due since the original filing fee or previously paid fee covers the total number of claims remaining in the Application.

Amendments to the Claims

It is requested that the following amendments to the claims be accepted and entered.

1. (Currently Amended) Antistatic workwear comprising a plurality of components incorporating first electrically conductive yarns, and an electrically conductive member bridging the junction between adjacent components, wherein the electrical conductivity between adjacent components is enhanced by forming the electrically conductive member from a strip or tape incorporating a plurality of second electrically conductive yarns which are of larger diameter than said first electrically conductive yarns, portions of the second electrically conductive yarns are exposed along the length of the strip or tape alternately on a first side and a second side of the strip or tape, and the component and conductive member are attached to one another such that the second electrically conductive yarns are urged into in electrically conducting engagement with at least some of the first electrically conductive yarns in both adjacent components, the first electrically conductive yarns are more widely spaced than the second electrically conductive yarns, and the second electrically conductive yarns are sharply bent by the structure of the strip or tape to promote a corona discharge.
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2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)